उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन) : (क) से (ड.) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Special programmes for rural artisans in minority concentrated districts

3860. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing special programmes for rural artisans under Khadi and Village Industries in minority concentrated districts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the recommendations of the High Power Committee for the accelerated growth of KVI programme, KVIC, in addition to its normal programme, has launched special programmes such as 125 Block Development Programme, District Special Employment Programme and national programmes in bee-keeping, handmade paper and leather all over the country including minority concentrated districts.

Facilities provided to Development Centres in Punjab

3861. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) facilities required to be provided at present to the Development Centres in the State of Punjab:

(b) whether the Development Centres in Punjab have not been provided with the necessary facilities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor:

(d) the names of districts where these centres have not yet been set up in the country indicating the reasons thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) is presently operating the Growth Centre Scheme, 1988 for providing basic infrastructural facilities like power, water, telecommunication and banking in the selected growth centres at a total project cost of Rs. 25-30 crores, of which the share of the Central Government is Rs. 10, crores. The distribution of the Growth Centres was done on the combined criteria of population, area and industrial backwardness. Under the scheme the State of Punjab has been allotted two Growth Centres namely Bhatinda (Bhatinda) and Pathankot (Gurdaspur). Full amount of Central Assistance i.e. Rs. 10 crores has been released to each of them. Ministry of Industry is also operating Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme exclusively for SSI sector under which each centre would be provided with land/developed site, roads, power distribution network, water drainage, pollution control facilities, technological back-up services, etc. Under this Scheme Punjab has been sanctioned one centre in village Dhanchala, district Hoshiarpur.

Investment in industrial gases industry

3862. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable investment in the industrial gases industry during the last three years;

(b) if so. the details thereof alongwith names of the Indian and foreign companies who made investment therein;

(c) since when these investment were made and the amount invested in terms of dollars and rupees by each company in industrial gases industry;

(d) the production capacity of all these domestic and foreign industrial gas units; and

(e) the net foreign exchange earned by these companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) 3 (Three) proposals envisaging Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of Rs. 114.00 crores, in the industrial gases industry have been approved by Government during the period from January 1994 to February 1997.

The details of such proposals viz, Name and Country of foreign collaborator, equity investment involved, item of manufacture/ activity are published by the Indian Investment

Centre as a supplement to. the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(c) to (e) Monitoring of the projects is primarily done by the State Governments, since commissioning of most projects depends upon State level clearance including land, power, etc., and gestation period which various from project to project.

Surrepetitious means adopted by MNCs

3863. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of multi-national companies have entered the small scale sector through irregular and surreptitious means;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint from the Confederation of Small Scale Industries of India urging Government to penalise those companies and also for dereservation of areas reserved for small scale industries;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) A few cases of Prima facie violation of reservation policy have come to notice of the Administrative Ministries.

(b) and (c) Confederation of Small Scale Industries of India has urged the Government to penalise those multinational companies which have entered reserved sector through irregular and surreptitious means. The Confederation of Small Scale Industries of India has also asked the Government to resist the pressures being applied to open for large scale industries and multinationals areas which have been reserved for small scale sector.

(d) Cases of violations are examined by the concerned Ministries and appropriate action is taken by the Administrative Ministry under Section 24 of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951.

Reservation/dereservation of items is a continuous process and is being reviewed periodically by the Advisory Committee on Reservation constituted by the Government under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. This Committee meets at regular intervals and recommends to the Government items to be added to and deleted from the list of reserved items. Based on the recommendation of the Committee, Government has dereserved 15 items from the list of items reserved for small scale sector which has been notified vide notification S.O. 298(E) dated 3.4.1997.

Manufacture of potable alcohol from molasses

3864. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently given approval to Bacardi Rum and Pernod Ricard, for manufacturing potable alcohol from molasses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the views of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries were taken into account before arriving at a decision; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Bacardi International and M/s. Pernod Ricard have been granted approval for manufacture of Potable Alcohol, subject to the condition that only Rum would be manufactured out of molasses as a raw material. The other products would be manufactured out of non-molasses raw materials. The approvals are also subject to the condition that no fresh capacity for manufacture of potable liquor shall be allowed and that the existing licensed capacity of the joint venture company will be limited to the licensed capacity of the Indian partner, i.e., the proposed joint venture shall use the existing valid licence of the Indian partner(s) for the manufacture of the proposed products.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.